August Trivia

Choose one answer per question. Circle A, B, C, or D.

1. Which country observes its National Day on August 1 in connection with a charter dated to early August 1291?
   A. Switzerland
   B. Austria
   C. Denmark
   D. Ireland

2. Which island nation’s archived proclamation declares it an independent republic on August 9, 1965?
   A. Iceland
   B. Sri Lanka
   C. Singapore
   D. Barbados

3. On which date in August does the United Nations mark International Youth Day every year?
   A. August 2
   B. August 12
   C. August 20
   D. August 31

4. Which national observance does India mark on August 15 each year?
   A. National Science Day
   B. Republic Day
   C. Constitution Day
   D. Independence Day

5. Which city opened the 2024 Paralympic Games on August 28 with a ceremony at Place de la Concorde and the Champs-Élysées?
   A. Brussels
   B. Paris
   C. Lyon
   D. Geneva

6. Which photographic process was publicly described in Paris on August 19, 1839, according to the Smithsonian’s historical record?

A. The daguerreotype
B. Instant color film
C. Digital photography
D. The dry plate process

7. According to the Panama Canal Authority, which direction did the SS Ancon take on the August 15, 1914 inaugural transit?

A. From the Atlantic side back to the Atlantic side
B. From the Pacific side to the Atlantic side
C. From the Pacific side to the Indian Ocean
D. From the Atlantic side to the Pacific side

8. What was the model number of the IBM Personal Computer introduced in August 1981?

A. 701
B. 650
C. 5150
D. 360

9. Parks Canada records an August 1896 gold discovery on what was then Rabbit Creek. What is the later name of that creek?

A. Bonanza Creek
B. Fraser River
C. Eldorado Creek
D. Bear Creek

10. South Africa’s Women’s Day recalls the August 9, 1956 march to the Union Buildings. In which city are those buildings?

A. Bloemfontein
B. Durban
C. Cape Town
D. Pretoria

11. What did the National Museum of Australia record Gough Whitlam placing in Vincent Lingiari’s hand at the August 16, 1975 handback?

A. A photograph of Parliament
B. A gold medal
C. A handful of soil
D. A set of building keys

12. NASA dates Voyager 2’s launch to August 20, 1977 and its closest Neptune approach to August 25, 1989. How much time separates the two dates?

A. 11 years and 5 days
B. 12 years and 5 days
C. 12 years and 25 days
D. 13 years and 5 days

13. NASA released an exoplanet atmosphere result on August 25, 2022, using a July 10 Webb observation of WASP-39 b. Which pairing matches the record?

A. Nitrogen was detected, and the observation took place on the announcement date.
B. Carbon dioxide was detected, and the observation followed the announcement.
C. Oxygen was detected, and the observation preceded the announcement.
D. Carbon dioxide was detected, and the observation preceded the announcement.

14. The UN says its August 9 Indigenous Peoples observance recalls a working group’s first meeting in 1982. In which city did that meeting take place?

A. Geneva
B. Vienna
C. Nairobi
D. New York

15. A timeline puts the creation of the National Park Service on August 25, 1916. Where does that point belong relative to the establishment of Yellowstone in 1872?

A. After Yellowstone, by 24 years
B. Before Yellowstone, by 44 years
C. After Yellowstone, by 44 years
D. Before Yellowstone, by 24 years